

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The ball detection apparatus is for detecting when a golf ball is hit off a golf  
tee of an automatic golf ball teeing machine. The detection apparatus comprises a  
5 radar device for producing a first signal in response to detecting movement of a golf  
club towards the tee, a directional microphone for producing a second signal in  
response to detecting the sound of a golf club striking a golf ball and monitoring  
means for detecting a coincidence between the first and second signals. An automatic  
golf ball teeing machine including such ball detection apparatus is also disclosed.